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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 18, 2007, claims 1-7, 9, 11, 14-26, 28, 31, 32, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0007344 (Cook).

It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated by Cook. The Office Action identified element 214 in Fig. 2 of Cook as constituting both the “first pointing device” and “emulation device” of claim 1. This application of the language of the claim onto Cook is erroneous.

Note that claim 1 recites receiving, by an *emulation device* that emulates a USB human interface device, first pointer position data representing the position of a first pointing device coupled to a remote console, *wherein the first pointer position data is received over a network by the emulation device from the remote console*. If element 214 in Fig. 2 of Cook constitutes both the “emulation device” and “first pointing device” of claim 1, then it would be impossible for element 214 to receive first pointer position data representing a position of the same element 214 over a data network, which was identified by the Office Action as being network 206 in Fig. 2 of Cook.

More specifically, element 214 in Fig. 2 of Cook is a mouse. According to the interpretation made in the Office Action, the mouse 214 of Cook is an emulation device that receives pointer position data representing a position of the mouse 214 over the data network 206, which is an impossibility.

In view of this erroneous application of claim elements onto Cook, the anticipation rejection is clearly defective.

The Office Action also cited to ¶¶ [0033], [0035], and [0036] of Cook as disclosing features of claim 1. Paragraph [0033] of Cook indicates that “special processing may be utilized to keep the VPC cursor synchronized with the Host cursor.” Paragraph ¶ [0035] of Cook states that “the USB protocol is utilized to provide movement of the mouse to an absolute position.” The passage also notes that human interface descriptors are used, some of which support moving a pointer to an absolute position, with a PC tablet being one example. The passage also notes that a remote KVM (keyboard, video, and mouse) device can use one of these absolute descriptors. In the context of Fig. 2 of Cook, the KVM device includes the virtual presence

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client 208 and the various input and output devices, including the mouse 214, video display 210, and other devices 212 and 216. If the KVM device using a human interface descriptor, such as a PC tablet, is considered to be the emulation device (which was not an assertion made by the Office Action, but which is addressed by Applicant herein to encourage earlier allowance of the present application), this KVM device still cannot constitute the emulation device of claim 1, since the KVM device, including the virtual presence client, mouse 214, and other devices does *not* receive "first pointer position data representing a position of a first pointing device coupled to the remote console" *over a network*.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is clearly not anticipated by Cook.

Independent claim 17 is allowable for similar reasons as claim 1. Moreover, claim 17 has been amended to recite that the first pointer position data received from the remote console is *scaled* from intermediate position data generated at the remote console due to movement of the first pointing device, wherein the scaling of the intermediate position data to the first pointer position data is according to size information of the second pointer device. The scaling recited in claim 17 is also not disclosed by Cook.

Therefore, claim 17 is also not anticipated by Cook.

Amended independent claim 35 is allowable for similar reasons as those for claims 1 and 17.

Independent claim 32 has been amended to recite the scaling of intermediate absolute pointer position data to first absolute pointer position data that is communicated to a remote computer system over a network, where the scaling is based on size information of a USB tablet device being emulated by an emulation device connected to the computer system.

The scaling recited in claim 32 is clearly not disclosed by Cook.

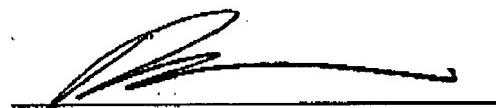
Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 37-39, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

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Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (200210195-1).

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